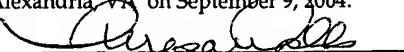


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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

A telephonic interview was conducted on 8/30/04 between the attorney for Applicants, Ann Lee, and Examiner Felton. No exhibits were shown nor were any demonstrations conducted during the interview. Claim 1 was discussed along with the prior art cited by the Examiner, US Patent 5,470,406 (Ochi et al.). An amendment to claim 1 wherein the addition of language describing the gel provided as "a monolithic gel made from a metal alkoxide" and the gel formed as a "monolithic reformed gel" was discussed. Agreement was reached to the effect that the additional language would overcome the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection stated in the Office Action mailed on

May 7, 2004. Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner will conduct a new search based on the amendments to the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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